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Preliminary Amendment

The present patent application is filed to continue prosecution of subject matter previously disclosed in patent application serial no. 09/044,426, filed on March 19, 1998. This Preliminary Amendment is filed in response to the Examiner's Office Action of February 7th, 2002. Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 13 as follows:

1. **(Amended):** A computer network for managing operations within a feedlot having a plurality of animal pens each having a feedbunk, said computer network comprising: